

New York

New York Treats Poor Families Under Its Income Tax Better Than Most Other States

New York's 2000 income tax threshold — the income level at which families begin paying income tax:

Ranking among 42 states with income taxes

☞ For two-parent families of four: **\$23,800.**

9th highest

☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$22,600.**

7th highest

New York's 2000 income tax for working-poor and near-poor families:

☞ For families of four with *poverty-line incomes* (\$17,601): **\$537 refund.**

3rd lowest

☞ For families of three with *poverty-line incomes* (\$13,737): **\$776 refund.**

3rd lowest

☞ For families of three or four with *minimum-wage earnings* (\$10,712): **\$875 refund.**

3rd lowest

☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$22,001): **\$153 refund.**

4th lowest

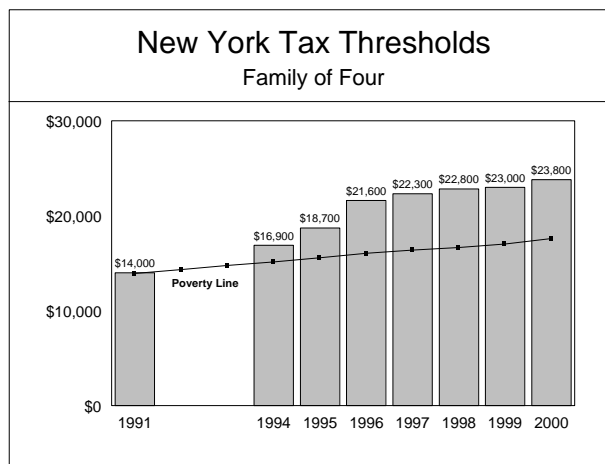
☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$17,171): **\$475 refund.**

4th lowest

New York has consistently exempted families with below-poverty earnings from the income tax.

☞ Because New York's tax threshold for families of four was increased substantially during the 1990s, the threshold has risen further above the poverty line. (See chart.)

☞ In 1991, a family of four owed no tax until its income reached 1 percent *above* the poverty line. New York's tax threshold is now 35 percent *above* the poverty line.



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.